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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home Health Agencies (HHA)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) Reimbursement Rate Rebase

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

*****This letter replaces Informational Letter No. 1868-MC-FFS issued December 12, 2017*****

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa House File (HF) 653 and State Plan Amendment (SPA) approval received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Medicaid LUPA reimbursement rates shall continue to be updated every two years. The following Home Health program services are impacted by this update:

Revenue Code	Service Description
421	Physical Therapy
431	Occupational Therapy
441	Speech Language Pathology
551	Skilled Nursing
561	Medical Social Service
571	Home Health Aide

The attached table identifies the rebased LUPA rates effective July 1, 2017. The rates are also posted on the DHS [Fee Schedules](#)¹ web page. The IME is currently in the process of updating the LUPA rates in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). Subsequently, a mass adjustment will be transacted for Iowa Medicaid FFS claims submitted with dates of service on or after July 1, 2017. The remittance advice will include the adjusted claims detail over the next few weeks.

In addition, the IME will provide the updated managed care rate floors for services reimbursed under the LUPA methodology to the managed care plans for the IA Health Link Program.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>